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SELL-OUT GUARANTEED BY NEW WOODWORKERS CONSTITUTION TO LUMBERJACKS IF THEY ACCEPT IT

Lewisite Unionists
Would Stop All
Job Action

LEWISTON, Idaho.—Events are disillusioning those workers who sought in the C.I.O. a more progressive union than the kind the A.F.L. would allow them. It is proving more difficult for the organizers of the C.I.O. to convince workers that it is progressive when its every action is evidence to the contrary. The loggers of Idaho have never been enticed by the labor-splitting, official-fiddling A.F.L. nor will they be by the same things in the C.I.O. under the banner of "Progressive."

The International Woodworkers of America, the C.I.O. lumber workers group, point to their new constitution and program as democratic form. The constitution is as vague as formulated as is that of the I.W.A. could be interpreted in many ways as the Bible by its enthusiastic believers. For instance, Article 3, Sec. 10, says, "Between conventions the International President shall interpret the meaning of the constitution but his interpretation shall be subject to rejection by the Board." What use is the Presi-

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HELP CLASS WAR VICTIMS, BUILD UP YOUR UNION

While collecting funds for the benefit of our young Fellow Worker, Dalton Gentry—who is a victim of the Weyerhaeuser gun thugs, paralyzed from the hips down since August 2, 1936 as a result of being shot in the spine while on picket duty—I contacted a man who offered to buy me a drink.

I told him that I would not care for a drink but, if he wanted to do something, he could make a donation. I showed him the letter explaining what the collection was for and he donated \$5.00 with the remark, "I would spend it anyhow, and it will be good food that way if I drink it up."

If the members would spend as much money for the organization as they do for booze, we would have an organization that would get us results. FAR more beneficial than any derived from intoxicating drink.

Miners Raise Big Fund for Strike

MEXICO CITY.—Strikes preparations reported last week in the Industrial workers are advancing. The Mexican miners union is determined to call out 17,000 miners in a nationwide strike if wages are not raised.

The American Smelting and Refining company claims the union is trying to break its contract which still has a long time to run.

A strike fund of \$200,000 has been raised by the union.

Prepare to Start Over Again



Two women in Belchite, Spain, gathering possessions after the battle which ended in a loyalist victory. Shells pierced the wall at the left and demolished the house in the left background.

It's War to the Knife Against C.I.O. Says President Wm. Green

"No matter what the cost may be," said Wm. Green at the A. F. of L. convention, "there's going to be a smashing offensive war to the knife against the C. I. O. timber workers," said Pacific Northwest.

Green went down the line on John L. Lewis and followed with a bitter personal attack against Gaha P. Howard of the I.L.D. Typographical Union, who is secretary of the C.I.O.

It looks like Green is working on a strike to match with Lewis in the field of oratory, no holds barred, while their respective followers work off their little spare energy in striking at each other.

Industrial Tragedy Taken Life of Fellow Worker Charles Schatzkow, Jr. Only Strong Organization and Workers' Control Will Provide Adequate Safety Equipment.

If You Want to Know When A Union Is Not a Union—

The U. M. W. of A. is the model "union" of all affiliated with the C.I.O. It is the personal property of Lewis and has the CHECK-OFF. And Lewis hopes, eventually, to have the CHECK-OFF in all C.I.O. concerns.

Here's Another

The furniture strikers in Grand Rapids, Mich., are members of the U.A.W., also a C.I.O. affiliate. One of their demands is for the CHECK-OFF.

The members of the U.A.W. have many times been forced to ignore the rulings of their leaders while the "strike" is on. The membership strike. The employers yelled, "unfair."

So as contracts were renewed a clause was added to the effect that "unauthorized strikers will be re-leased," etc. But of late members decided that strike action was needed to stop the chiseling tactics of the boss and to improve conditions.

Strikers pulled the last couple of weeks by bringing a yell from the boss and an answering bark from the leaders: "The strikes were unauthorized." (The workers won their point, anyhow.)

The Leaders Speak

Frankenstein, at the C.I.O. convention, said: "We will be more unauthorised strikers. Which means that class conscious members are to be booted out."

President Martin said in Detroit, "I am going to dictate the international policies." (Come, come, Martin, Lewis might not like it!)

Mr. Ford "Boreholes"

The Ford plant in Kansas City closed up tight on October 10. It has been the cause of quite some excitement inasmuch as union minded people are concerned. Some employers have been sloganized, many laid off, and all threatened with discharge.

According to reports all who had

worked there prior to the shutdown were advised to search for and find work elsewhere.

Can't Make a Date With Ford

Elections in Detroit take place in November. After the noise comes the task of taking Ford's over.

U.A.W. "heads" hold sessions behind locked doors and also try to meet Ford executives in the same way. So far no meetings have been met.

Frank Martin and other "Mickey Mouse" speak through the daily press to all employees and hope Henry hears, "that we want peace and will exert all energies toward prevention of industrial strife."

What Is Now?

Companies, political, fraternal, etc., are eligible for membership in the I.W.A. (remember this is a C.I.O. "union"). In their respective plants they still act the part of scabs and rats. Ford has about 7,000 of them.

Ford loves children—visits schools—goes to church. This is "news" for the horse check. The following is not:

200 and more school kids the summer vacation mean working on Ford's farm, doing a man's work for half a man's pay—\$3.20 a day—A Ford Employee.

Girls Pay \$3 To Work in Sweatshop

TRENTON, N. J.—Exacting tribute from children for the opportunity to exploit them is the racket of the Mason Dress company, a Trenton sweatshop which manufactures silk dresses.

Many girls have paid \$3. to the company for the opportunity to learn how to operate a sewing machine. At the end of two weeks they were to draw regular wages. But they found that the wages they were to draw averaged less than \$2.50 a week. A strike has been called at the plant.

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HOME STAKE FOR GENTRY GROWS; MORE IS NEEDED

To date some \$600.00 have been collected by James Whalen and associates for the D. Gentry fund. Fellow Worker Gentry who has been in the hospital ever since the murderous assault of lumber trust gunmen as an I. W. W. picket line in Idaho August 2, 1936, wants to be taken to his Louisiana home. The committee plans to collect \$1,000 before starting Gentry on this long trip. It shouldn't be long now!

French Co-ops Help Spanish Loyalists

MADRID.—Four trucks filled with foodstuffs from Marville's cooperative warehouse recently arrived at Madrid, the gift of cooperatives beyond the frontier. The Int. Cooperative Alliance is pushing a drive for assistance to Spanish operators.

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SOLIDARITY OF LABOR MURDERED AS PORTLAND SAWMILL WORKERS WAR IN BITTER AFL-CIO DISPUTE

Police Escort Union Men Past Rival's Picketline

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15, 1937.—Solidarity of labor which should be the guiding principle in all of labor's conflicts with employers is of no import to the A. F. of L. strategists in Portland, Oregon. On the contrary, the whole labor controversy between the C.I.O. and A. F. of L. bears all the earmarks of a carefully planned and executed plot to completely destroy all labor solidarity.

If this plan succeeds, not

but let us hope it will not—labor will soon find itself disorganized and delivered to the enemy a confused lot of helpless wage slaves.

French Guardsmen

Yesterday morning, Oct. 14, a small crew of A. F. of L. workers was reported going back to work under police protection at the Plylock corporation mill at St. Johns. Seventy city police were on hand to give the scale all possible assurance of safety. Governor Martin had previously stated that he would not interfere with the state police in forcing mill workers by this means of organized violence to return to work under A. F. of L. union control.

The majority of the mill crew, which was C.I.O., has been locked

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Peace Dove Hovers Over Union War As AFL Gabfest Ends

DENVER (UPI)—Possibility of a unity conference of American Federation of Labor and Committee for Industrial Organization leaders was heard at the 57th annual convention of the A. F. of L. as a second proposal was received from the C.I.O.

Replying to the A. F. of L. measure that it was prepared to meet with a C.I.O. group but that a group of 100 first proposal were "imperialistic," the C.I.O. countered with an offer to have 10 representatives from each group meet in Washington on October 25 to talk peace.

Pres. George M. Harrison of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks said: "It looks like there is a possibility of getting together." He observed, however, that it was up to the executive council to take the lead.

The main thing is to get together, he said, urging that no impossible stipulations be made.

Windup in its closing session, the delegates unanimously re-elected William Green president for the 43rd term and Frank Morrison secretary for his 41st year at the post.

All members of the executive council were re-elected. "I hope and pray that we will be declared Green after his reelection."

Earlier the convention rejected a proposed amendment to the constitution giving the executive council the right to issue industrial union charters. Proposed by the Amalgamated Assn. of Street & Electric Railway Employees, its rejection was attacked by Idaide Laderman of the pocketbook workers who explained that the amendment was "imperialistic" at the opening session after many speakers had declared the federation believed in industrial unionism. The action destroyed the A. F. of L.'s contention that the C.I.O.-A. F. of L. fight was that of "democracy versus minority rule" and meant that the federation had no intention of chartering industrial unions, said Dave Beck, with the aid of Mayor Dore, Seattle, has kept them off the market in all places he could by declaring it UNFAIR to organized labor. Evidence Beck and Dore are profit by this, as the fact that the base \$1.00 wage per hour, the hour that he says is unfair.

On the streets are men carrying banners, reading, "Unfair to Organized Labor." In the windows are signs, reading, "Old Empire Beer, 100% Union Made, is Unfair to Dore." Men carrying union cards, are carrying the banners and other men carrying union cards also, are going past the picket line and the beaters in case of unfair.

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Heinrich Bortz, Wobbly Dies in Fight for Freedom

From the Swedish anarchist paper "Storm" we learn that Fellow Worker Heinrich Bortz died on the battlefield of Spain fighting against forces of fascism and for a better world for labor to live in.

Fellow Worker Bortz was a German and belonged to the I. W. W. branch in Germany. He was a member of the I.W.W. but didn't take up when Hitler came into power, but kept on educating and agitating among his fellow workers. He was arrested and thrown into a concentration camp there he remained confined for many months. Finally, he and some other prisoners escaped one night and fled to Denmark. There he went to Sweden and at once became active in the labor movement. He soon learned the language and became a brilliant speaker.

The Nazi secret police, the Gestapo, learned that Bortz was in Sweden and sent the second time the Swedish government, however, refused to give him up on the ground that he was a political refugee. Still determined to get Bortz back, the Nazis then claimed he was being visited in Fort Worth and came here to look over the Ford factory. After beating him, his assailants forced him back to the Dallas Ford plant, dumped him out of the car and told him to "keep going."

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Pharmacists Win Eight-Hour Day

SAN FRANCISCO (P.P.)—The Pharmacists Union has signed an agreement with 194 San Francisco druggists, including major chains, providing an 8-hour day, 48-hour week, time-and-a-half for overtime, union recognition and arbitration after 30 days. The union will join the AFL within 15 days, costs no less weekly vacation with pay, and a wage scale of \$165 a month for registered pharmacists. Dispensers are to go to an arbitration board.

Twelve plants manufacturing wooden furniture have signed closed shop agreements with the Furniture Workers Union. In 60 plant negotiations, 163 additional boats have joined the original 100 in agreeing to be bound by the decision of the arbitration board, instead of setting up a separate arbitration board of their own.

It's Hard Work And Little Pay On Fruit Farms

WENATCHEE, Wash.—The American Fruit company advertised throughout the country this fall that 3,000 apple pickers had got work in the Wenatchee valley, this year at five cents a box and claimed that it was easy for a man to pick 150 boxes a day. But the real thing is turning out different from the advertisements.

What these workers, mostly unorganized, are paid up against is something like this:

They get 10¢ pickers when they start to work; that the rate per box is four cents and that an additional one-half cent per box will be paid as bonus to those who can stand it through the season. Packers are offered 4 and one-half cents per box with a one-half cent bonus for "good" packing. The American Fruit company has cut even this wholly inadequate pay. Dawson, the manager, has been making out time slips for four and one-half cents with an additional one-half cent for a "good" pack. It is almost necessary to add that the supervisor finds only inferior packers that do not merit the higher rate. The A. F. pays 35 cents and hour for picking.

Pickers come and go. Some have been fired because they would not eat at the company boarding house at the rate of \$1.20 a day for poor board. There is discrimination against outsiders and the pets recommended by big shots and the vigilante leaders are given such breaks as there are in the way of better jobs.

Never was organization in Agricultural Workers Industrial Union of the I. W. W. so badly needed as here as in the Wenatchee valley.—W. D. Reinhardt.

DIPLOMACY A LA NIPPON

Clever people, those Japanese. They hire an international lawyer to tell them what they have a "right" to, bomb and then proceed to blow up the whole works anyway.

"Japanese troops massed thousands of Chinese in front of the former Imperial Palace at Peking and commanded them at the point of guns to applaud the announcement of the fall of Peking,"—news item. Such popularity must be deserved.

Ignoring the long list of schools and universities destroyed by bombardment, the Japanese command announced it is attacking "only military objectives."

But after all, we suppose the whole of China is a military objective.

The I.W.W. In Theory and Practice

The new I. W. W. In Theory and Practice by Justin Ebert will be ready in a few weeks. It's a fine book, fully up to the high standard of earlier editions and as up-to-the-minute as industrial unionism itself.

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THE WORLD AS IT IS

"Lies, Treachery, Usury!"

—by Art Hopkins

Next to a scab and stool-pigeon the ugliest form of human animal life is a deliberate, malicious, malignant. After reading "Comrade" Harrison George in the Daily Worker in a review of a pamphlet entitled "History of Anarchism in Russia" written by a "Comrade" E. Yaroslavov, Anyway, he finds elegant conclusion that "comrade" Harrison belongs in that category.

He works with a vicious bitterness; more, deeper, more fanatical and bitter than a certain anarchist atheist.

The thing that hurts most is that one time I, W. W. could sleep more advances than American, he claimed.

Anyway he finds elegant conclusion with Harold Lloyd Varney of American Mercury force.

It's a pet communist tactic to slander anyone who disagrees with them. It was their tactic of "so-called fascism" which helped lead to the ascent of Hitler. It is their tactic that is butchering the Spanish revolution. And it is their tactics and action that have been the greatest hindrance to the labor movement in the world over.

But let's not get oratorical. Let's look at facts. What does Mr. Harrison say? "... anarchoism... We have seen it at a distance... influencing great masses of Spanish workers and the fate of the Spanish people in their struggle against Fascism. And it is influencing us to begin of deep and dangerous injury to Spanish labor." To answer such a charge would be unnecessary for those who have read the Spanish reports in the Industrial Worker.

But to those who may not have, let's be said that the anarchists and anarcho-syndicalists of Spain are the guiding spirits in the war against Fascism. But their contention is that the struggle in Spain is of greater significance than that of Democracy versus Fascism. It's struggle for "activity against the state."

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LOOKING THE WORLD OVER

International News of Concern to Labor

British Isles

According to a British journalist who seems to be the mouthpiece of British diplomats, Russia and France are to blame for the impasse in the world today. They are to blame for Gen. Franco's advances in Spain and also for Japan's attack on China. Russia failed to declare war on Japan, he says. British diplomats are given a cost of whitewash in August's despatch to the N. Y. Times dated Oct. 3.

British labor is weaker than American, one correspondent says, and a 41/2-week average workweek, British workers have made more advances than American, he claimed. The direction left unsaid.

Mosley tried to speak in Liverpool, but they thought very little of him. So little, in fact, that they sent him to the hospital.

Russia

Six put to death—3 executed—21 sentenced to die—soviet admirals relieved of duty—21 executed in Russian purge. So say the headlines. "Liberty" is costly.

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Germany

Seven miners died near Gelsenkirchen. A firebrand exploded was responsible. A number of German miners working in France lost their passports, because they would not obey regulations against changing their names from French to German marks.

The time of labor service was lengthened by a half year. A German court ruled against holding the Rev. Martin Niemoller, former submarine commander, in jail for his religious beliefs. Religious workers don't get even that benefit.

A drive against Jews is on in Danzig. Hitler says Germany will protect Belgium, which is also protected by England and France.

Berlin is a high-priced town for foreigners, says one correspondent. The former "elegance" is all gone. Everybody wears "casuals" and eats it up.

Television was successfully demonstrated over an ordinary telephone wire for a distance of 25 miles.

France

Balloting in municipal elections showed that the "Popular Front" was still getting the support of the voters, with Socialists and Communists.

Stay Out of 5 & 10 Stores if You Want To Boycott Japan

TACOMA, Wash.—A fleet of steamships owned by the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul and Pacific R. R. operating between Tacoma and Japan, sail under the Japanese flag and are manned by Japanese seamen. This is done to avoid the payment of the American scale of wages which are considerably higher than the Japanese scale. Cargoes are mostly raw materials going to Japan and merchandise which is sold mostly in 5 & 10 cent stores.

You speak of Makino as a pugnacious: where is your proof? Or is it merely the wild imagination of you and your bohemian friends? You have been making that same mistake ever since Makino defeated the Wrangel forces, and when your bohemian friends saw his services were no longer needed.

Makino in his very last day demanded a Jewish tribunal be called together where anyone possessing evidence incriminating him or his movements should appear. No one among the Jewish people made any move to convene such a tribunal.

One of the staunch supporters of Makino is Sholem Schwartzbard, the man who shot General Oeström. White Russian general and his numerous relatives and who was later acquitted by a Parisian Court.

And for the benefit of our anarchist friends, we wish to offer them a gem of wisdom coming from the pen of Comrade Harrison. In case you don't know it, "Anarchism" is inter-related to all current anti-working class tendencies, most prominently it is merged with Trotskyism." This I can certain will be a surprise to many. What I know is that the Daily Worker.

According to a British journalist who seems to be the mouthpiece of British diplomats, Russia and France are to blame for the impasse in the world today. They are to blame for Gen. Franco's advances in Spain and also for Japan's attack on China. Russia failed to declare war on Japan, he says. British diplomats are given a cost of whitewash in August's despatch to the N. Y. Times dated Oct. 3.

British Socialists slightly losing. Some Frenchmen demonstrated against sending Spanish troops to Africa, but the Spanish side, being 4,000 feet long and having six lanes for traffic and broad sidewalks. It is one of the world's longest suspension bridges. Beginning of construction was delayed many years because it was learned that the main advantage would be gained by Vienna's Socialist mentality, which owned a building beach on an island in the Danube. Quite a "civilized" theme.

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Italy

Mussolini sent over 50,000 soldiers to Libya, not play ping-pong either.

The Italian hotly denied backing Nippon against China but does not deny helping France in the matter of agriculture and possible Hitler. In a political fight one general shot and the other one's chief adjutant shot the first one and then himself. This happened at Vera Cruz and the reason was a threatened investigation into political affairs.

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France wants to help Spain. Nobody stopping it, seems to be the consensus of opinion, except the French themselves.

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Hungarian agrarian party leaders are in the Hapsburg camp now.

American Countries

The Mexican government will force its land plan (a form of communistic collectivization) on the government of the state of San Luis Potosi, which is ruled by Gen. Genaro. The plan is to turn the Cossacks, former leaders of agriculture into "socially-Ricardian."

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The Far East

Poison gas and dum-dum bullets.

That's the latest dope against the Japs. Japan charges Russia with

mobbing troops in Outer Mongolia,

but admits its own responsibility

to occupy Nanking and forms a Japanese

army of all North China.

China is willing to follow the Japs

in peace, says the Finance minister of China, H. H. Kung. The workers

of both countries are working day

and night to keep their armies in the field. Chinese leaders who don't

let their troops to victory are not heroes. They get the death verdict from Nanking.

Elsewhere in Europe

Spain is making large purchases of Danube and Russian wheat. With the whole world aligned against them and with Communist forces creating internal turmoil, Spanish workers are putting up a splendid fight against Fascism.

The admirable blood-letter Adm. Horstius has suggested three

League of Nations, one for Ameri-

ca, one for Asia and one for Europe.

How about one League of Humani-

ty?

Some Nazi leaders were arrested

in Praha, one of them charged with

a crime under the criminal code

paragraph dealing with homosexuality.

Czechoslovakian designated air-

lines for flight from both Germany

and Austria.

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AMERICAN OIL PROVIDES FUEL FOR PLANES BOMBING CHINESE

While Politicians Talk About Embargoes and Liberals Threaten to Boycott Japanese Silk-Underwear, Big Corporations Reap Extra Profits From Jap Murder Spree

A great deal of mystery surrounds the \$15,000,000 in fuel, which the United States has sent to Japan since August and September. Then, abruptly, and with only the explanation that such shipments were sent to be "misunderstood" by the American people, these gold shipments were diverted from the United States to European financial centers.

Reports received each week from West coast oil centers now help to explain why Japan has sent so much of her precious and limited gold to this country. These reports also shed light on Japanese fears of being "misunderstood."

During the first week in September, a group of American oil companies active in the west coast market combined to sell fully 25,000,000 gallons of high-grade aviation fuel to Japan. In no other oil market could Japan have obtained so much bombing plane fuel in one transaction.

All through September, Japanese purchases of every type of oil and oil product continued. To accommodate the usually heavy volume of oil she is importing, she has leased 32 oil tankers from the same oil companies who are selling her oil and which control all the tankers on the coast. As a result of these arrangements, the legitimate, peace-time oil trade is now being interfered with by a shortage of tankers.

The record shows clearly that Japan has attempted to centralize most of her oil purchases in the United States. Who are the interests cooperating with her?

First and foremost is the great Standard Oil Co. of California, whose interests carry it all over the world.

Then there is the huge Texas Corp., whose foreign enterprises are conducted in partnership with Standard of California. Texas Corp. is in good part controlled by the very in-

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